

Andrew Jackson to Rachel Donelson Jackson, April 8, 1818, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO MRS. JACKSON.

St. Marks, April 8, 1818.

My Love. on the 1st of april I reached the mickasooky Towns, had a small affair with the Indians, in which we lost one man killed (Tucker) and four wounded all Tennesseens the latter out of danger, about 30 Indians killed, amonghst whom is the great war chief of this Town. we found in the micasookey Towns upwards of fifty fresh scalps from the infant to the aged matron, I reached this on the evening of the 6th entered the Town of St marks on yesterday, and I may fairly say, that the modern Sodom and Gomorrow are destroyed, These two places were the hot bed of the war. Capt McKeever who co[o]perated with me, was fortunate enough to capture on board his flotilla, the noted Francis the prophet, and Homollimicko, who visitted him from St marks as a British vessell the Capt having the British colours flying, they supposed him part of Woodbines Fleet from new providence coming to their aid, these were hung this morning, I found in St marks the noted Scotch villain Arbuthnot who has not only excited but fomented a continuance of the war I hold him for trial. I leave this Tomorrow in hopes to be able in a short time, with the smiles of heaven to put an end to the war, we are all in good health, when I have more leisure I shall write you, kiss my Two sons¹ for me and accept of my prayers for your health and happiness untill I return

¹ At this time Jackson was in the habit of calling the Indian boy, Lincoyer, his son.

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yr affectionate Husband